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FOR: DRUG DELIVERY DEVICE FOR ANIMALS

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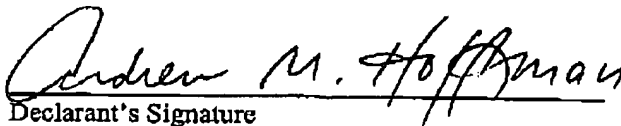
DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

I, Andrew Hoffman, declare:

1. I am the sole inventor of the invention claimed in the above-referenced patent application.
2. The invention was completed in the United States prior to May 16, 2000, the effective filing date of Barney et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,510,818) under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e). The Barney et al. reference was cited by the Examiner in the June 18, 2003 Office Action.
3. The evidence provided in this declaration demonstrates that the invention claimed in this application was made before the May 2000 date of Barney et al.
4. I conceived of the invention claimed in the above-referenced patent application in the United States before the effective filing date of Barney et al.. Furthermore, patent counsel and I diligently worked to reduce my invention to practice from prior to May 16, 2000 up until July 14, 2000, at which time I constructively reduced my invention to practice by filing U.S. Patent Application No. 09/616,483.
5. I submit herewith a copy of my original drawings (Exhibit A) of the claimed device. The drawings were made prior to the May 16, 2000 effective filing date of Barney et al. and correspond to Figs. 1, 2A-D, 3A-E, 4, and 5A-D of the above-referenced patent application.
6. Also submitted is a copy of an invention disclosure (Exhibit B), which I submitted to the Tufts University Office for Technology and Industry Collaboration prior to the effective filing date of Barney et al.

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7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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Attachments:

Exhibit A: Drawings

Exhibit B: Invention Disclosure

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